

For Company Dancers & Company Parents

Tips for a Positive Competition Experience

1. Treat others like you want to be treated!! Of course, we come to put our best foot forward and strive to win, but first and foremost we want to be known as a group of dancers with class and incredible sportsmanship.
2. Be SUPER POLITE!! Use "please", "thank you", "excuse me"... Always be gracious winners and thank the judges. Congratulate other teams.
3. Cheer for everyone in our groups, not just individuals. And cheer for other teams.
4. Dancers and Parents... Never, ever, ever, ever talk about a team's dance in any way that could even possibly be taken as negatively. Even when you think no-one can hear or no-one is listening, someone may be. You just never know...
5. Arrive on time OR early. Plan ahead and allow time for possible traffic, parking troubles or other unforeseen problems.
6. Dancers must wear their DXP jackets over their costumes during all non-performing times. This keeps us looking unified and appropriate.
7. Dancers must always be fully dressed in costume, hair, and make-up at least 1 hour before their first dance, as we will run through the dance before performing on stage AND competitions sometimes run ahead of schedule.
8. NO EATING OR DRINKING ANYTHING BUT WATER IN OR AROUND COSTUMES
9. Dancers should make great effort to stay and watch all groups. Remember... we're a team and we should always be there to support each other. ☺
10. Parents and/or dancers are **never** to approach judges, as this could get us disqualified or unable to attend the next year. If you have a question, speak with Amber and she can communicate with the judges.
11. Check competition rules before videoing or photographing. Some competitions do not allow this and doing so can cause disqualification or point deductions.
12. Come prepared with all items you think you MIGHT need (extra tights...). No holes in shoes or tights!!! Before you leave, double and triple check that you have everything.
13. Everyone should attend full awards ceremonies and must have permission to not attend.
14. If you have an emergency, first call your Company's "Competition Mom" and then call Amber if needed. Be sure to have everyone's cell #'s programmed in your phone.
15. Be sure to CAREFULLY listen to Amber and other DXP staff for directions at competition. We're trying to get multiple groups to different places at the correct times and we need help getting this accomplished efficiently.
16. Most importantly.... HAVE FUN!